

# Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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## Mass Intentions

Christ the King, November 26, 2023

8:00 AM **Rose Broniszewski**

Remembered by Family

10:00 **Ethel and Nicholas**

Remembered by Family

First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023

8:00 AM **Herbie Hall**

Remembered by Family

10:00AM **Members of Holy Trinity PNCC**



**CHRIST THE KING** Today is the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. Jesus tells the marvelous parable about how we will all be judged - as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, based upon our care for the poor: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

The old and the new come together this week as the liturgical year comes to a close and we lean into Advent, which begins next Sunday. Today we reflect on Jesus as our Savior and King. As Jesus cares for the world and all that the Father gave him, we are also called to help build up the kingdom by loving Jesus in our poorest sisters and brothers. We will encounter readings about the generosity of a poor widow and the warning of the approaching end of time. This is meant to help us begin our preparations for Advent. The demise of the world may not be at hand, but the Kingdom of God is always at hand for us. To notice the signs we must be focused and paying attention to the ways the Lord makes himself available to us in the midst of our busy days.

We prepare for Advent this week when we can begin a small, but honest prayer, "Come, Lord, Jesus. Come into my heart and settle the conflicts in my life. Let me be attentive and open to see the places where I am restless, distracted and too busy. Come into my real situation - and let my presentation to others reflect the peace and joy only you can give." For these challenging times help me attentive to your work in me and grant that I may be your instrument in our world today.

**THANKSGIVING AT HOLY TRINITY** Thanks to everyone, especially the combined Festival Choir, for helping us express our gratitude to God for all of the blessings we have received. We continue this prayer of Thanksgiving as we lift our hearts in prayer for ourselves and our world. May we live in peace and unity .



Dear God, on this Thanksgiving Day, I want to pause and thank you for your blessings. For another day, for family, friends, for food on the table. You are the source of all good things, We praise you for the simple things that bring us joy. Help us keep our eyes on you this day and every day So our lives may be filled with praise and joy. On this day we also ask your blessings on our world. Please bring an end to violence and war, hunger and poverty, and selfishness that prevents us from being one in your sight. May your kingdom come and bring us together into your Holy Family of love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Thanks to everyone who put together shoe boxes to help children in need celebrate Christmas. Through the Samaritans Purse Shoebox gifts children experience the generosity of people that they do not know and appreciate these gifts as an expression of God's love. The boxes have all been sent on their way. May they touch hearts with the love and joy this season of hope brings to people of goodwill.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** To deepen the Advent experience and prepare for the celebration of Christmas please consider participating in Nine Lessons and Carols. This will be conducted by our very own Dr. Neil Stahurski. This is an ancient service

that will take place at 3:00 PM on Sunday December 10 at the Church of the Assumption on Lincoln Avenue in Bellevue. This is a wonderful treat for all ages. It is free and open to all. Please plan to participate.

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING** We are excited to begin a new year of learning for our Sunday School students. All students that are participating, please arrive at 9am. Pre-School/Kindergarten class will begin at 9:30am and all other classes will begin at 9am. There will be a Communion and Confirmation class so if your child will be receiving either of those Sacraments, please plan on attending. If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Mary Nosal at mary.l.nosal@gmail.com or 412-817-0438. All are welcome!

**2023 - 2024 PITTSBURGH STEELERS SEASON FOOTBALL POOL** Holy Trinity Steelers football pool is complete! Good Luck to all those who are participating over the next 6 weeks of the regular season games. Blocks have been assigned and all the numbers have been picked for the entire season. All participants will have the same block for the entire season but your numbers are different each week. Each game will pay out \$25 for half and \$75 for the final. The December 23rd game will pay out \$100 for the first and third quarters, \$200 for the half and \$300 for the final score.



**BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY HOUR** As a Eucharistic people, adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament focuses our attention on the love of God that permeates our lives and our world. On Saturday, December 3, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. December will be our third of five first Saturdays of the month to pray and offer sacrifices for the conversion of Russia and peace in Ukraine, Israel and the Middle East. Please plan to participate in these next five months of prayer as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!

**My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You. Most holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.**

**PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING** The Parish Committee will meet after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday January 21, 2023

**2023 SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY** Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday November 19th the parish received \$883 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$20 for Missions, \$25 for HELP, \$232 for the PNCC Fund, \$20 for Christmas Flowers and \$617 for the purchase of an AED for church and miscellaneous cash was \$155. The total deposit was \$,952. The Enhancement Fund received \$20. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you would like to have a set of envelopes for your contributions please see Paulette or Fr. Mike.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Please pray for all those who are infirmed or home bound. In a special way we pray for Adam, Alan, Beverly, Bobbi, Bob A. and, Carol K., Dolores, Jeanne, Jim, Joann, Kathy, Kimi, Knox, Linda, Nick, Melinda and Shelby Lorraine.

**THE COMMUNION PRAYER** *In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen. Julian of Norwich*

